

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-03-06

Issued at Petersburg: April 26, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Monday, May 1, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. July 15, 2006,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

The District 8 Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan allows for liberalizing sport fishing regulations for the marine waters of District 8 when an allowable harvest of Stikine River king salmon exists. The preseason total allowable harvest for 2006 is 29,000 king salmon with a U.S. allowable harvest of 14,500 as determined by the Pacific Salmon Commission. This level of allowable harvest of king salmon dictates that from May 1 through July 15 sport anglers are allowed the use of two rods each with a resident bag limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of six king salmon. The plan provides for a nonresident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, a possession limit of two king salmon and an annual limit of five king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (19) are added by this emergency order and become effective at 12:01 A.M. Monday, May 1, 2006.

5 AAC 47.020 General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(19) District 8 king salmon:

(A) For the purposes of this section, District 8 is defined as the marine waters of Frederick Sound south of a line from Wood Point to Beacon Point (excluding Wrangell Narrows), Sumner Strait east of a line from Point Alexander to Low Point, Stikine Strait north of the latitude of Round Point, Zimovia Strait north of the latitude of Nemo Point and Eastern Passage west of a line from Hour Point to Babbler Point.

(B) sport fishing for king salmon may be conducted with the user of two rods per angler from May 1 through July 15;

(C) the resident bag limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and a possession limit of six king salmon;

(C) the nonresident bag limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, a possession limit of two king salmon; and an annual limit of five king salmon.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Douglas F. Fleming,

Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The king salmon sport fishery in the District 8 marine waters around Petersburg and Wrangell are managed under the directives of the Southeast King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055) and seasonally may be modified by the District 8 Stikine River King salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057). The objective of the District 8 management plan is to allow for additional sport fishing harvest opportunity when projections that the Stikine River king salmon run will exceed escapement needs and meet thresholds for an allowable catch. The 2006 preseason projection for the Stikine River king salmon stock is 29,000 fish with a U.S. allowable catch of 14,500 king salmon as determined by the Transboundary Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

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